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Juniors 13 — Sophomores 12.

The Junior-Sophomore game in the interclass series was played on Monday evening. A close contest was expected and the expectations of the spectators were realized. The Sophomore team was the better one. Their men were about of a size and were conspicuous by their close guarding. The game was replete with fouls and rough play. There was a tendency to find fault with the officials, but the claims of unfairness lodged against them were not called for.

The game was called at 8:14 and Newton scored first for the Sophomores. Close guarding forbade any scoring for some time. "Tommy" got loose and made a basket. Then Newton got three fouls and "Tommy" did the same. The first half ended with the score 5 to 5. The lights grew dimmer and dimmer during the second half and the game came near ending in darkness. This half was marked by very accurate foul shots by Sherman and Newton. In fact, ability to throw fouls won the game.

The second half was rougher than the first, and there was too much ill-feeling shown. So close were the men guarding that a chance at the goal was well nigh impossible. Both teams threw two baskets in the second half.

The game was one of the best seen on the "Gym." floor this season. One thing we must find fault with—besides the team, there were but fourteen Juniors at the game. Such a lack of class spirit is unfortunate.

Sophomores.		Juniors.
	Forwards.	
J. Kelly.		LeMunyan.
Kuolt.		Miller, Spedick, Mann
	Center.	
P. Kelly.		Sicard
	Guards.	
Schwartz.		Sherman.
Newton.		Bramley.

Baskets—Sherman 1, Bramley 1, LeMunyan 1, Newton 2, J. Kelly 1. Fouls—Sherman 7, Newton 6. Referee—MacIntyre. Umpire—Moore.

Freshman Banquet.

On Thursday night the class of '08 held their banquet at the "Stanwix" in Rome. It was thoroughly enjoyed by every man among the fifty-three that sat down to the spread. One thing only was lacking to make the affair a complete success, the presence of John G. Clark, '07. This custom of having a Freshman banquet is certainly a good one, and it is to be hoped that classes yet to come may follow such a good example. As a unifier of class spirit it cannot be excelled, as it brings the fellows into close touch and comradeship with one another.

The collation was served at 8:20, and the diners left Rome at 11:15 on a special car which brought them straight through to Clinton. Rumor had it that the Sophomores, in battle line, would oppose their advance at the Oriskany; but not a sign of one was seen.

Willam B. Simmons acted as toastmaster in very creditable style. He told the usual number of stories, and in introducing the various speakers he exhibited his usual wit. "Shel" Judson, the first speaker, responded to the toast, "Alma Mater." He impressed especially upon the minds of his auditors that every man should do his utmost in athletics, scholarship and oratory, for the advancement of the glory of his alma mater. W. H. Kellogg responded for the faculty in a clever manner, and Williams, the next orator, spoke for the class. His remarks were most complimentary and met with general approval. The remaining toasts were as follows:

Freshman Activities, Oscar Meade Rupert; Athletics, George Hoyt Allen, Jr.; Class Unity, Oswald Prentiss Backus, Jr.; The Sophomores, John DuBois Henderson; Plans for Receiving 1909, Clarence Elmer Babcock; Five Minutes of Jones; Remarks, Fred Henry Haggerson.

The following menu was served:

Blue Points
Celery Olives Gherkins
Bouillon in Cups
Fillet Halibut, Tarter Sauce
Julienne Potatoes
Lobster, a la Newburg en caisse
Banquet Rolls
Roast Young Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
French Peas Cranberry Sauce
Punch, a la Roche
Salted Almonds
Tomatoes, en Mayonnaise
Walnut Ice
Fancy Kisses Angel Food Macaroons
Fruit Coffee

The menu cards were gotten up in very attractive style.

The Basket-ball Season.

We have just completed a most successful season in basket-ball. We have won from Syracuse, Colgate, Hobart, St. Lawrence, Potsdam, R. P. I., and others. It is to be regretted that we lost to Syracuse and Colgate by such large scores on their floors. Still we have not much to complain of, as every game on the Hill was fast and exciting and resulted, with the exception of the last, in favor of our team. Never have the students of Hamilton been given a better exhibition of the winter sport than they have had this season.

Practice began immediately after football was discontinued last fall, and the men have improved continually from that time. The first game this term was with Hobart, which resulted in a decided victory for us and showed the college what might be expected from the men. The contest at Hamilton was what was needed to put life into the men and make them work harder. It was a hard dose to take, but it had its beneficial results as the later games demonstrated.

The team work and basket throwing is a vast improvement over anything the present generation in college has ever seen here. Time and again, when op-

posed to the best teams in the state, our five would pass the ball all around their opponents for one of them to finally throw a pretty goal. It was all good playing, possibly a trifle rough at times, but fast basket-ball. Every man on the team, from "Tommy", who has so ably captained the five, to the substitutes, deserves the commendation of the whole college. The inter-class games for the college championship resulted in a final victory for the Juniors.

Who can predict the results from next year's team? No man from the present organization is lost; "Tommy" still acts as general, and the men have the experience of this year to work upon. Could we desire better prospects.

A summary of the games follows:

Jan. 18—Hamilton vs. Hobart, 41–12.

Jan. 23—Hamilton vs. Colgate at Hamilton, 10–66.

Feb. 4—Hamilton vs. Potsdam, 31–21.

Feb. 6—Hamilton vs. Syracuse, 19–16.

Feb. 13—Hamilton vs. Colgate, 26–24.

Feb. 24—Hamilton vs. R. P. I., 42–12

Feb. 27—Hamilton vs. Syracuse at Syracuse, 9–60.

Feb. 28—Hamilton vs. Rochester at Rochester, 18–25.

Mar. 3—Hamilton vs. St. Lawrence, 42–14.

Mar. 6—Hamilton vs. Allegheny, 18–26.

Games won, 8; games lost, 4; per cent., 666 2-3; points scored by Hamilton, 257; points scored by opponents, 276.

Alumni Banquet in Utica.

During the past week a meeting of the Central New York Alumni Association of Hamilton College was held in Utica. A quorum of the committee was present. The meeting was called in the law offices of Merwin & Merwin and was presided over by the president, Hon. A. B. Weaver, '51. It was unanimously decided to hold a banquet in Utica about the first of May. The last festive gathering of the Association was held in April, 1903, and was largely attended. A committee consisting of James H. Merwin, '99, W. C. McAdam, '77, and H. J. Cookingham, '96, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements. Such a meeting will give the active college an opportunity of coming into closer touch with its alumni, and will be looked forward to with much pleasure. The details for the banquet will be arranged in due time and invitations will be extended.

Pres. Merrill on Athletics.

At the banquet of the New England Alumni Association of Colgate University, held at the Hotel Berkeley, Boston, President Merrill, of Colgate, presented his views on college athletics. His remarks are of especial interest inasmuch as he takes issue with Pres. Eliot, of Harvard.

"President Eliot has made some excellent remarks about athletics in college," said he, "but I do not agree with him when he says that the athletic hero should not be held up as a standard for the young men who are growing up to follow and look up to, if the conditions at Colgate are the same as at every college.

"Last year 27 men received the much coveted privilege of wearing the large 'C.' Of these 27, four were high honor men, with a mark of 'A' in their studies; 19 received the 'B' mark in studies, and seven of these were so close to an 'A' mark that there was some doubt in the minds of the registrars as to what mark they should receive; and the remaining four received a 'C' mark.

"Even if one of these men had received a lower mark than 'C' he would still have been above the passing mark in studies. If the athletes of Colgate can engage in their athletic sports and maintain that standing in their studies, then I do regard them as heroes and worthy to be held up as examples for any young man to follow.

"Many people are misled by seeing so much in the newspapers about athletics that they soon believe that sports are given more consideration by the college men than is really so. There has been so much adverse criticism of athletics in college lately that I wish to explain our position in the matter, which will negative many of these criticisms. We require the men engaging in sports on the various teams to be up in their studies, and they must be up all the time.

"The basket-ball team of Colgate, during the present season, has beaten all the large college teams, including Yale and Harvard, and the past year in football has also been very successful. Track athletics have brought out many valuable men, and several of these have earned quite a reputation. If these men can maintain their standing in studies, and the men wearing the 'C's' have shown this to be so, then it is all right if they engage in athletics. The rule that the men must be up in their studies in order to play on the teams has worked out very well; the boys like it and are working together since its establishment."

Mr. Merrill also spoke of the work being done at the university, asserting that the grade of scholarship has been maintained and was gradually rising.

"Our endowments," he said, "have placed Colgate among the first 10 of the smaller colleges, but much more is needed to carry on the work. Ground will be broken for a new building in a few weeks, and it is expected that the corner stone will be laid June 1. There are now 413 students, and all are of high character and principle. There are 111 students studying for the ministry, which rather puts aside the theories of many that decadence has set in in the ministerial departments of Colgate."

The Slaughter of the Job Lots.

The Job Lot basket-ball squad played Clinton High School at Society Hall last week and were defeated by a score on which no two spectators agreed. The Job Lots arrived early with their official and rooters and kept things interesting until the game was called.

The game was a fast one—for Clinton. Benedict aroused immense enthusiasm by a fine basket early in the play, but we were told in confidence that he really tried to pass the ball to Sherman and couldn't throw up there. "Bill" Purdy followed his man well, though at a distance that couldn't possibly enable "Bill" to get in the game. During the second half "Jim" Carroll made several fine tries for Clinton's basket and then, recovering himself, shot a long one for the Job Lots' goal, which raised havoc among the chandeliers. Lloyd Paul Stryker, the Job Lots' captain, played a spectacular game and was all over the floor. For Clinton, Moore and Wallace played well and consistently.

When the score was about 48 to 3 the Clinton management kicked on Drummond's time keeping on the grounds that he was trying to give the game to the Job Lots. George Hallam Sicard filled the offices both of official and cheer leader to the satisfaction of all. The only bet lost on the game was by Drummond, who bet Purdy a set-up that Clinton would score 100 points.

The Job Lot line-up: Forwards, Purdy, Sherman and Henderson; centre,

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It has been deemed wise by members of the staff of Life to hold the annual election a few weeks earlier than has been the custom in years past. Heretofore the new board has begun work the middle of spring term. By having the election this term it is thought that the new board will be able to organize and start in their labors immediately after the Easter vacation. So the election will occur next Thursday evening at number seven Carnegie Hall.

What would a visitor have said had he been present at chapel last Wednesday? Certainly that was a brilliant oratorical exhibition for a college whose fame lies in her oratory. Think of it, out of nine men upon the stage, three broke, or failed, and five of the remaining speakers were not up to a good preparatory school standard.

Now there is evidently something wrong with us. Is it with the faculty?—We think not. Prof. White is more than willing to help every man in his declamation and oration work. Never has he or any other member of the Department of Oratory failed to give his best aid to any man who was willing to try to do good work in speaking.

If the fault is evidently not with the faculty, there can be but one other plan where the negligence lies,—that is with the student body. Sure be it that the men do not lend their co-operation and aid to make the chapels good. There is something radically wrong when Juniors, upperclassmen, sit in the front seat and endeavor to confuse the speakers, cause them to laugh and either break or be sent from the stage. It is time for the fellows to think seriously the of matter. If they do not care for themselves, let them consider that it is for them to uphold the name of Hamilton in oratory, where she is most famed, as well as in any other branch of college work or life. Far it is from the intent of the negligent, no doubt, to seriously hamper our work. But we are men, not little boys, and must remember that silly, simple giggling and playing are, to say the least, poor taste for college students.

Stereopticon Lecture.

Not within the memory of the Seniors has there been until last Sunday night any kind of Sunday evening service in the College chapel. But last Sunday was an agreeable exception to the regular rule, for Rev. Delos E. Finks, of the class of '70, gave a very instructive and interesting stereopticon lecture on "The Mountaineers of the South."

Dr. Stryker introduced Mr. Finks as a man who had served on the frontier of our Home Mission fields, for many years and was compelled to give up active work in the field on account of sickness which nearly cost him his eyesight. Therefore he is using this method of lecturing to arouse the churches of the east to a more intelligent interest in the progress of Home Missions.

Mr. Finks prefaced the showing of the slides, which by the way were from his own camera, with a brief sketch of the history of the mountain whites of Virginia, Kentucky and the Carolinas. The beauties of Southern scenery were vividly displayed on the screen. The poverty and squalor in which the humble mountaineers lived was also graphically pictured. The lecturer made a running comment on the pictures and his experiences connected with them.

In contrast to the darker side of the mountaineer's life, the lecturer threw some views on the screen which illustrated the attempts of Christian missionaries to lift the neglected inhabitants of those mountain districts out of their ignorance and semi-civilized modes of living. Views were exhibited of industrial schools, and of homes where the influence of the missionary had penetrated.

Bits of Southern humor were interspersed among the remarks. The lecture and pictures held the attention of the appreciative audience. Mr. Finks was assisted by Prof. S. J. Saunders, who had charge of the lantern.

Senior Club.

A representative crowd of Seniors gathered at the Theta Delta Chi house on Thursday evening. The hospitality of the hosts was cordial, and everybody fell heartily to the business of enjoyment. Cards occupied the fore part of the evening. The instruments were put in the hands of the class musicians, both amateur and professional, and what music!

The welsh rarebit was an evident success, judging from the lack of remains. After some rousing songs and a parting cheer for the hosts, the club members dispersed.

This will probably be the final meeting for this term, consequently three or four meetings will be thrown over into next term.

Freshmen 22, Vernon H. S. 20.

The Freshman team has broken the spell and has finally won a game. Saturday evening they defeated the team representing the Vernon High School on their own floor by the score of 22-20. The result shows that it was no easy victory, the outcome hanging in doubt up to the last moment of play.

The game was devoid of any sensational features, yet the team work of the Freshmen showed a decided improvement. Judging from comparative scores, the victory was unexpected, as the Vernonites recently defeated the C. H. S., twice victors over '08. Improvement is ever commendable.

Church and Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held on Friday evening of last week. Reports were given by the chairmen of the standing committees. The membership chairman, Stowell, '05, reported the enrollment at between eighty-five and ninety men. Weber, '05, not being present to report for Bible study, the report of the work in Freshman Bible study was given by Roosa, '06. The Freshman work has been the most successful effort which has been made during the past year.

Three mission study courses have been offered during the past year; one on Japan, another introductory course consisting of short biographical sketches of famous missionaries, and a third course on Indian missions. The last course was the best conducted and best attended. The visit of Mr. M. W. Ehnes, of New York City, gave impetus to the work of the missionary department.

The chairman of the religious meetings committee stated that the Sunday afternoon meetings had been well attended and were interesting.

The chairmen of the social, finance and vicinity work departments also made reports.

Following the reports of the year's work in the different departments, came the election of officers for the ensuing year. J. A. Melrose, '06, was elected president; G. R. Warburton, '06, vice-president; R. M. Scoon, '07, treasurer, and E. J. Weeks, '08, secretary.

After the election the meeting adjourned to the reception room, where the social committee had provided a couple of bushels of apples.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting, tomorrow, Professor Mead, principal of Utica Academy, will make the address on "Teaching as a Life Work."

Dr. Terry, of Utica, speaks in behalf of medicine at the 4 o'clock meeting on March 26th.

The regular communion service was held last Sunday afternoon in the College Chapel. Dr. Stryker conducted the service.

Rev. Delos E. Finks, '70, gave a very fine stereoptican lecture last Sunday evening in the College Chapel. His subject was "The Mountaineers of the South."

Prof. Davenport preaches in Chapel Sunday morning.

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College Notes.

—Two more weeks left of winter term.

—Cody, '08, is in Utica, recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

—Lambert, '03, severed his acquaintance with the College last Wednesday.

—Root, '05, has been in New York recovering from the effects of an attack of grip.

—The chair to student in Bible class: "You are on the right track but going the wrong way."

—The musical clubs will have their pictures taken this afternoon at Gibbon's studio in Clinton.

—After several false alarms the basket-ball team had its picture taken Wednesday afternoon.

—In the absence of Dr. Stryker next Sunday Prof. Davenport will conduct the morning service.

—Miller, '07, by his vigorous crusade against the liquor habit, caused great excitement in Saturday chapel.

—"Barney" Wight, '05, spent Sunday in Syracuse. Great commotion "up the line" on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.

—Nellis, who has been absent from college for several days on account of an attack of grip, returned to his work this week.

—Did you see Prof. Bennett "pass into the gallery" to help deliver the lecture last Sunday night? 'Twas a sight for the gods.

—Barrows, '07, announced to the chair in English literature that he enjoyed reading "Jack the Giant Killer", and "Little Nell".

—Owing to the small supply of gas, the "Gym." will not be open evenings for basket-ball games after this week. This is bad news for the "Job Lots."

—Next Thursday evening the annual election of the staff of LIFE will take place. Those Freshmen who have been doing consistent work will probably get their reward.

—It would seem as though the Sophomores were a little slow in getting wise to the Freshmen banquet. The Freshmen certainly carried out their plans in an ideal manner.

—It is said that Nellis has been signed by "The Job Lots". He will play at center. Judging from his game at practice he is remarkably clever at tackling and will be a tower of strength.

—In Sophomore Bible the chair inquired whether if one were hunting for various marks concerning high honor men he would go to Bright in preference to Dr. Root. Even "Ed" looked surprised.

—At the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. for election of officers the following were elected: Melrose, '06, president; Warburton, '06, vice-president; Scoon, '07, treasurer, and Weeks, '08, secretary.

—The unheard-of has taken place. A certain Freshman, Simmons by name, appeared on chapel stage one week in advance of his appointment. Good work. It shows that 1908 takes interest in speaking.

—Sherman, '06, was re-elected captain of basket-ball at a meeting after the Junior-Sophomore game. If there is any foundation in certain rumors, the team is going to have a theatre party on "Tommy" in the near future.

—A new organization appeared after the game Wednesday evening between the "Job Lots" and Clinton High School, namely, the "Job Lot Seconds." Needless to say, they kept up the reputation of the first team and lost the game. However, they showed good spirit.

—In reply to the numerous criticisms that have appeared in LIFE on the backwardness of work on the Hamiltonian, the board wishes to state the fact that the present committee was chosen six weeks late, and that it has done more than the usual amount of work since the time of appointment.

—All who expect to try for the track team this spring should begin work at once on the indoor track in the "Gym." Captain Roosa and several members of last year's team are already hard at work. The manager has several good trips scheduled and the sooner a man begins to train the better will be his chance of making the team.

—The members of the musical clubs are disappointed to learn that the trip which had been planned for the Easter vacation will not be taken. If the manager of the clubs for next year will pardon our presumption, we would suggest that he make definite arrangements for a trip during the spring vacation. At such a time no man would be kept from going because of a lack of cuts.

—Now that basket-ball is over, the athletes are turning their attention to baseball and track. From the work of baseball candidates as the season draws near, we feel more and more confident that this year's team will be a very strong one. In track we have a hard schedule, but there is little doubt but that the team will acquit itself with credit.

—The football management has signed Capt. Watson of 1904's Williams team. He has played half-back for four years and comes recommended as a fine player. Already we hear rumors of the ever-coming 190-pound tackle, guard and line bucking back. Perhaps this year he will materialize in person rather than in spirit. One 190-pounder is worth a thousand mythical giants. Let us hope for eleven such men.

—It looks as if Uncle John and his phonograph would have to take a second place, when it comes to vigerous, muscle-making exercise. Toward evening the walk below the arbor freezes into a stretch of almost glare ice. With a good start at the top, one finds himself doing a series of high dives, hand springs, pull the string, high kicks, and hand stands, until he reaches the Theta Delta Chi house, with far more snap and vigor than even music can inspire.

—With the burning of the Chi Psi Lodge comes the feeling of our utter helplessness in the case of fire. North and South colleges would burn as readily as the lodge. Of course there are arguments against having a few fire extinguishers or buckets around the halls, but what if a few Sophomores or Freshmen did get ducked on balmy spring mornings? Would it not be better to run the risk of having a fire bucket emptied on one once in a while, than to escape in pajamas some fine night, or worse still, be cremated in North or South. We think that this step toward protection is due the student body.

The Slaughter of the Job Lots.

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Capt. Stryker; guards, Benedict and Carroll. Score 69-19.

In the return game, played in Soper Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, the "Job Lots" were again defeated by a small score. The "Job Lots' " elephantine forwards, "Buster" Bloyer and "Bridget" Bennett, occupied, during most of the evening, the major part of the theatre of war. Captain Bennett was as coltishly active as ever and many a time by completely covering the basket with his rotund bulk, prevented a threatened score. But the Squires-like Bloyer—and here let us pause to doff our hats to the newest exponent of globular jiu-jitsu—his side-burns twinkling in the mellow light, was the hero of the hour. He could not and would not be covered, and time and time again, reeking with perspiration and with rosin, he threw, blew, nay, even booted the ball in the beckoning basket. Ex-Captain Lloyd Paul Stryker diddled the ball with great felicity. and once with a monstrous Herculean effort wellnigh scored for Clinton. "Little Nell" and "Willie" Purdy afforded a pleasing contrast in physique and manner, "Nell" lumbering lightsomely along his lonesome lane, while "Will" played with exquisite facial expression. Benedict, while not engaged in fisticuffs with his opponent, gazed open-mouthed at the flying sphere, as though it were some unknown antsome asteroid wandering into his ken. Enough! Enough! Enough! —Excuse us, the score was 24–16.

Among the Colleges.

The University of Minnesota has a basket-ball team composed of faculty members that can defeat any team of undergraduates in that institution.

For the debating team at Michigan regular hours are prescribed. Pie, puddings and the like are strictly on the black list. The team has already gone to the debating training table.

The new chapel for Oberlin College, which is to cost $95,000, will be begun in the spring. The number of students at Oberlin has increased more than fifty per cent. during the last four years. A rather novel departure has been made in the creation of the office of assistant president, whose main responsibility will be to increase the material resources of the college.

Brown University has recently become the beneficiary of $500,000 by the death of Mrs. H. M. Littlefield, the widow of a prominent manufacturer of Pawtucket, R. I. Of this amount $100,000 is to be used to establish a chair of American history. The residue may be used as the trustees see fit.

A few friends of Dr. William Osler have presented to Johns Hopkins University a bust of the physician. The plaster cast has already been received, and the marble will be sent from Rome at an early date. It is the work of Hans Schuler, lately Rinehart scholar of the Peabody Institute there. A bust of President Remsen has also been presented, the work and gift of J. Maxwell Miller.

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